



# MARYLAND Department of Health

## Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

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### News: Baltimore City Health Department Awarded 2018 Local Health Department of the Year.



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#### ***Tuesday, July 17***

The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has been awarded the 2018 Local Health Department of the Year - Large Category from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO). This prestigious annual award recognizes local health departments for outstanding achievements in demonstrating innovative ways to improve public health and safety. The BCHD was recognized for its work in:

- Reducing health disparities
- Combating the opioid epidemic
- Addressing violence as a public health issue
- Targeting interventions to end the City's cycle of violence and poverty
- Reducing infant mortality

To read the complete press release, [click here](#).

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### Event: Annual Rural Mental Health Conference



Image: The 2018 Rural Health Conference logo. Text reads, "Rural Resilience. New Orleans, Louisiana."

#### ***Thursday - Sunday, August 23 - 26***

The National Association for Rural Mental Health will host its annual conference, and this year's theme is "*Rural Resilience*." The purpose of this conference is to convene the rural mental health community to share and discuss issues concerning mental health practice, research, policy, and advocacy in rural and remote populations. Conference sessions and presentations are designed to demonstrate the unique resilience of rural populations and the industry of rural mental health.

For more information about this conference, [click here](#). Learn more about mental

health programs and resources in Maryland by visiting the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) [Behavioral Health Administration website here](#).

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### **Event: Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting**



Image: An older woman taking a selfie with her family.

#### ***Wednesday - Sunday, November 14 - 18***

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary scientific organization devoted to the advancement of aging research, learning, and practice. The GSA will host the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting which will explore the theme, "*The Purposes of Longer Lives*." This meeting provides the opportunity to learn about the latest trends and developments from experts and researchers in aging from around the world.

Late breaker abstract submissions will be accepted until September 13. Early bird registration rates are available until September 13. Continuing education credits may also be available.

For more information about this conference, [click here](#).

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### **Funding Opportunity: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program**



Health Resources & Services Administration

Image: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) logo.

#### ***Friday, September 21***

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a significant and preventable public health problem. In 2016, HIV incidence rates varied greatly among Maryland's counties and jurisdictions with Baltimore City experiencing the highest rates. The Health Resources and Services Administration is soliciting applications for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial assistance to an eligible jurisdictions that has been severely affected by the HIV epidemic.

For more information about this funding opportunity, [click here](#). To learn more about the State Health Improvement Process data referenced above, [click here](#). Learn more about HIV programs and resources in Maryland by visiting the MDH [Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services website here](#).

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### **Resource: Community Engagement for Public Health**



Image: Photograph of a group of community members speaking at a community forum.

Last month, the Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) announced a centralized resource for community health needs assessments for all counties and jurisdictions in Maryland. Recently, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center hosted a webinar titled, "*Community Engagement for Public Health*" which focused on engaging the community in the community health assessment process. This webinar emphasizes the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships model with the County Health Rankings Roadmap. Participants will learn how to engage community members in organizing, visioning, and assessing the community, as well as how to formulate goals and implement action plans.

For more information about this recorded webinar, [click here](#). Learn more about community health needs assessments in Maryland by visiting the MDH [OPHI Resources webpage here](#).

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